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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 37 C.F.R. §1.97, and 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached form PTO-1449 that may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration. No inference should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation of the prior art; that any or all are pertinent to the invention; or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited and on the attached PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

The enclosed references were cited in the International Search Report mailed August 2, 2002, in corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP 02/02315, a copy of which is enclosed. U.S. Patent 4,442,655 to Stroetmann was cited previously in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement mailed March 6, 2001, and therefore, is not submitted as part of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. European Patent 0 998 949 is not in English, however, an English language abstract is included herewith.

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The identified patents and documents do not suggest or make obvious the claimed invention. Hence, allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested.

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